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SUBJECT: MINEXTAFF NOTE OF JULY 3 RE SPINY LOBSTER

REF: NASSAU 1087

1. REFTEL TRANSMITTED NOTE FROM MINEXTAFF DATED JULY 3 ON SUBJECT OF SPINY LOBSTER. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES COMMENTS ON MINEXTAFF NOTE. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS IN THAT NOTE.

2. RE PARA (1) THIS CONFIRMS WHAT PM INDICATED TO ME IN CONVERSATION ON JULY 3, NAMELY, THAT GCOB IS PREPARED FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE, BUT WITH THE CLEAR INDICATION THAT "RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS" WILL BE RAISED.

3. READING PARA (2) AGAINST PRINCIPLES OFFERED TO ME BY PM PINDLING, IMPLICATION IS THAT ITS INTENT IS TO MAKE CLEAR GCOB CONCERN WITH INDIVIDUAL FISHERMEN, SPECIFICALLY SEEN BY GCOB AS CUBANS OF US NATIONALITY OR CUBAN PAROLEES WHO IN GCOB VIEW MORE LIKELY TO VIOLATE GCOB
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LAWS. THUS, INTENT OF THIS PARA IS TO OPEN QUESTION

OF US ASSISTANCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

4. RE PARA (3), INTENT APPEARS TO BE TO ACCEPT NOTION OF AN IMPLICIT MORATORIUM WITHOUT DEFINING SPECIFICS AS TO PERIOD OF TIME IT WOULD BE APPLICABLE. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS POINT SHOULD BE READ AGAINST PM'S STATEMENT THAT HE WOULD HOPE DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED BEFORE AUGUST 1.

5. RE PARA (4) AND 5, EMBASSY WOULD VALUE WASHINGTON'S ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS. IT APPEARS TO US THAT GCOB IS SAYING THAT BROADER QUESTIONS OF DELINEATION (WITH WHICH WE UNDERSTAND USG IS CONCERNED IN LOS CONTEXT) NEED NOT ARISE AS THE AREA IN WHICH THE SPINY LOBSTER IS CAUGHT, AND TO WHICH THE DELINEATION IN PRACTICE WILL APPLY, I.E. BAHAMA BANKS, IS UNQUESTIONABLY BAHAMIAN.
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